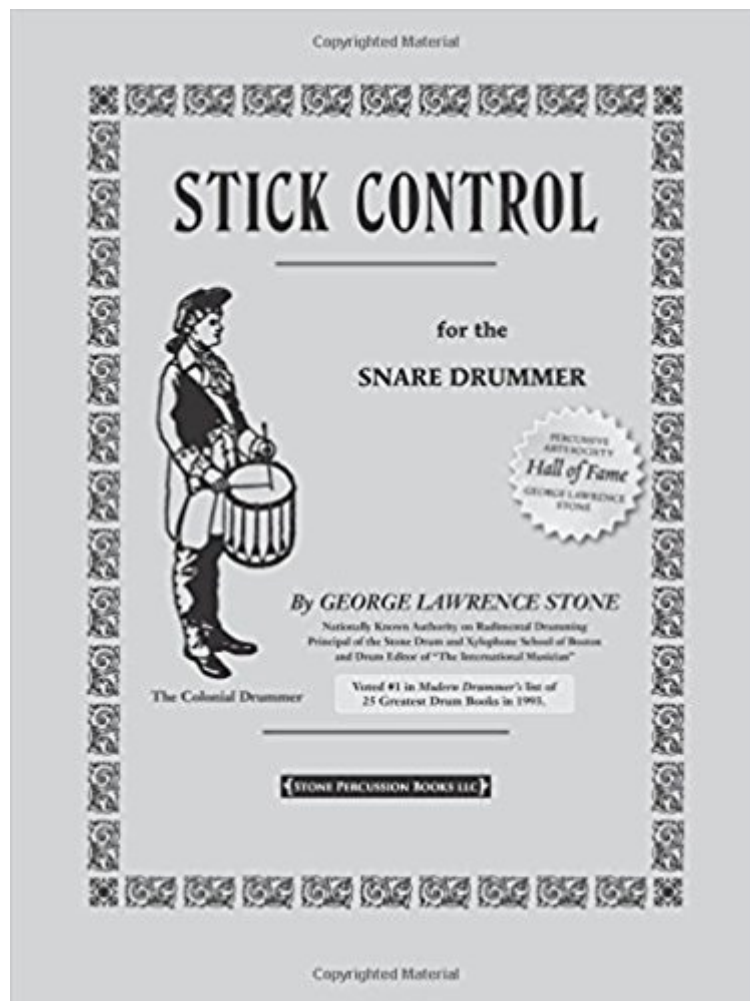




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# Stick Control: For The Snare Drummer



## Synopsis

George Lawrence Stone's *Stick Control* is the original classic, often called the bible of drumming. In 1993, *Modern Drummer* magazine named it first in the top 25 drumming books of all-time. In the words of the author, this is the ideal book for improving ""control, speed, flexibility, touch, rhythm, lightness, delicacy, power, endurance, preciseness of execution, and muscular coordination,"" with extra attention given to the development of the weak hand. This indispensable book for drummers of all types includes hundreds of basic to advanced rhythms and moves through categories of single-beat combinations, triplets, short roll combinations, flam beats, flam triplets and dotted notes, and short roll progressions. ""It truly is a timeless classic and an essential requirement for every drummer's library."" *Drummer Magazine*

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They don't call it the Drummer's Bible for no reason. Drills to last you a lifetime. Really. There's always room to improve.

Yes, I'm begining to use it, practicing the exercises, it will be a lot of fun!!!

The bible of any drummer! This is the must if you want to improve your hand and foot Technique. Personally, since I bought it, I'm practicing with it daily, and I really noticed the improvement in my sticking. Awesome One!

The content is an excellent set of exercises for both new and experienced drummers. The format, however, is a series of (high-quality) scans of the print edition, which means if you're viewing it on a tablet or other Kindle reader, you have to treat each page as an image and zoom into the section you want to work on. This makes switching from page to page more than a little bit of a pain. In this case, it's sheet music, so I can kind of see the need for handling it the way that was provided. Still, there are modern music fonts in Unicode that are up for the task of rendering the content as text. Doing so would also reduce the size of the e-book considerably.

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I own about 7 different drumming books and this one is by far the best I've ever owned. The author presents a system for training the muscles that is second to none. Drumming technique is all about muscle memory and comprehensive muscle memory training is all about teaching your brain patterns and mastering them one at a time. This book is immediately accessible for beginners. The exercises are deceptively simple and progress in a perfectly hierarchical manner. Each new exercise builds and expands upon the previous exercise which just enough of a twist to cause your brain to note and learn the distinction. This makes practice easy and progress quick. I don't know whether it's good or bad, but you can spend months (as I have) working on just the first page! Not because the exercises are tough, but because even the simplest of exercises takes time and devotion to master. I can think of no more important skills for a drummer to develop than timing accuracy and independence of limbs. If you purchase only one drumming book, and Stick Control is it, you'll still have an extraordinary tool at your disposal. Follow the directions exactly - how you practice is as important as what you practice

Now I see why this is such a classic! It will make you work and if you can be patient and consistent you will start to notice a nice difference in hand speed, technique and relaxation. The approach is very very basic...meaning there are no fancy play along tracks or etudes or any of that stuff, but its just pages and pages of different sticking exercises to repeat over and over again. It may seem boring at first, but this is part of becoming a better player! And once you start to build up speed, the exercises actually start to sound and feel really cool!!!

Classic book for honing and developing basic stick control. Patterns are relatively simple, but essential for developing a solid foundation. I also use this book as a foot control development tool as well for double bass, playing all the exercises with my feet. Again, control that is essential for a solid foundation - hands or feet.

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